

SENATE BILL 2776

By Bryson

AN ACT relative to requiring a utility to notify a landowner prior to entering the property of the landowner for certain purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) A utility shall make a reasonable effort to notify a landowner at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to entering the real property of the landowner for the purpose of trimming or cutting down bushes or trees which are interfering with the utility's property.

(b) As used in this act:

(1) "Cooperative" means any cooperative providing utility services, including, but not limited to, electric and telephone services; and

(2) "Utility" means any person, municipality, county, metropolitan government, cooperative, board, commission, district, or any entity created or authorized by public act, private act, or general law to provide electricity, natural gas, water, waste water services, telephone service, or any combination thereof, for sale to consumers in any particular service area.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.